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1. SUMMARY: ICEM AUTHORITIES DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUING FLOW OF CHILEAN DETAINEES TO US UNDER PAROLE PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR TALKED WITH KOZAK AND ELKIN OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) JANUARY 7, TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS REGARDING FLOW OF CHILEAN DETAINEES INTO EXILE OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS. ICEM REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THE CATEGORY 1 DETAINEES (THOSE HELD WITHOUT CHARGE UNDER STATE OF SIEGE) TO WHOM THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE EXILE DECREES HAD BY NOW BEEN PRETTY WELL PROCESSED BY ICEM. AS OF JANUARY 7 ICEM HAD ONLY 18 ADDITIONAL NAMES ON ITS LIST. IT WAS KOZAK'S STRONG IMPRESSION THAT GOC WAS BECOMING MUCH MORE RELUCTANT TO RELEASE CATEGORY 1 DETAINEES FOR EXILE.

3. ON OTHER HAND, KOZAK NOTED RECENT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CATEGORY 3 DETAINEES (PERSONS TRIED AND SENTENCED) WHO WOULD BE RECEIVING EXILE DECREES. CURRENTLY ICEM HAS ABOUT 300 NAMES OF CATEGORY 3 PERSONS; IT IS RECEIVING ADDITIONAL NAMES; AND AS CATEGORY 2 DETAINEES (THOSE WHOSE CASES ARE NOW BEING PROCESSED) MOVE TO CATEGORY 3, ADDITIONAL NAMES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. KOZAK BELIEVES
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THAT GOVERNMENT'S "COMISION DE INDULTOS" (PARDONS

COMMITTEE) WILL SYMPATHETICALLY REVIEW CASES OF MOST CATEGORY 3 DETAINEES IF IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WILL RECEIVE VISAS ENABLING THEM TO TAKE REFUGE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

4. KOZAK FORESEES MONTHS OF WORK BY ICEM ON CATEGORY 3 DETAINEES, AND A CONTINUING FLOW OF SUCH PERSONS TO COUNTRIES OF REFUGE.

5. HAVING IN MIND THE FACT THAT 16 OF OUR PAROLE CASES WERE INCLUDED IN RECENT GOVERNMENT AMNESTIES AND ARE NOW FREE, AMBASSADOR ASKED KOZAK WHAT HE THOUGHT COULD BE DONE FOR SUCH INDIVIDUALS. KOZAK RESPONDED EMPHATICALLY THAT SUCH PERSONS, THOUGH FREE, WERE IN GREAT PERSONAL DANGER OF REARREST BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND EVEN OF BODILY HARM. HE ACCEPTS AS TRUE REPORT THAT TWO MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) TERRORISTS, WHO ALMOST A YEAR AGO APPEARED ON GOVERNMENT TELEVISION TO STRESS HOPELESSNESS OF CONTINUED MIR RESISTANCE, HAD RECENTLY BEEN MURDERED BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES (SANTIAGO 8567). KOZAK URGED THAT WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CARRY ON WITH OUT CASES AMONG THOSE AMNESTIED, IF WE COULD. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT REPLY TO SANTIAGO 8616 ON THIS SUBJECT, FOLLOWING WHICH WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY OF AMNESTIED PERSONS STILL WISHES TO GO TO US.

6. ICEM OFFICERS NOTED WITH INTEREST CERTAIN QUIRKS IN DETAINEE PROCESSING WHICH AFFECT OUR PAROLE PROGRAM. FOR ONE THING, IT APPEARS THAT ABOUT HALF OF ELIGIBLE DETAINEES LIVED WITH COMMON LAW SPOUSES PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. EXCEPT FOR USG, EVERY COUNTRY RECEIVING CHILEAN DETAINEES ADMITS SUCH SPOUSES AS DEPENDENTS; THOSE OPTING TO TRAVEL TO US MUST MARRY OR PROCEED ABROAD ALONE.

7. ANOTHER VARIABLE ARISES FROM REPORTS SENT BACK BY THOSE ALREADY ADMITTED TO US. ICEM RECENTLY RECEIVED, SUDDENLY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY, INDICATIONS FROM SIX DETAINEES IN SAN ANTONIO THAT THEY WISHED TO GO TO US. REASON, IT CONFIDENTIAL

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TURNED OUT, WAS THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED A LETTER STATING THAT A PAROLEE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED THERE.

8. AS ALSO OF INTEREST, GILES SICOTTE, WHO HAS BEEN HEAD OF SANTIAGO OFFICE OF US HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, IS BEING REASSIGNED TO LIMA. HE WILL NOT BE REPLACED: UNHCR WILL HAVE AN OFFICE HERE, BUT IT WILL BE COVERED BY OCCASIONAL VISITS FROM PRESENT REP IN BUENOS AIRES.

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